THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED:

1. A voltage ramp generator $\left(\frac{\Delta Vc}{\Delta t}\right)$ comprising a capacitance (C) and a charging circuit for the capacitance that permits generation of a charging current for the capacitance (IT5), the charging circuit for the capacitance comprising a current generator (Ig2) of resistance Rg2, characterized in that the charging circuit for the capacitance includes means (Re, T4, T5) that enable the capacitance charging current to be proportional to $(Re/Rg2)^2$ where Re is a resistance.

2. A voltage ramp generator according to Claim 1, characterized in that the circuit for charging the capacitance is a degenerate current mirror type circuit.

3. A voltage ramp generator according to Claim 2 characterized in that the a degenerate current mirror type circuit is made up of a first P-type MOS transistor (T4) comprising a gate, a drain and a source and a second P-type transistor (T5) comprising a gate, a drain and a source, the source of the first transistor (T4) being connected to the first terminal of the resistance Re, the second terminal of which is connected to a supply voltage (V+), the drain and the gate of the first transistor (T4) being connected to a first terminal of the current generator (Ig2), the second terminal of which is connected to the ground of the circuit, the gate, the source and the drain of the second transistor (T5) being connected respectively to the gate of the first transistor (T4), to the supply voltage (V+), and to the first terminal of the capacitance (C), the second terminal of which is connected to the ground of a circuit.

4. A voltage ramp generator according to Claim 3, characterized in that the capacitance (C) is a gate capacitance of a MOS transistor.

5. A voltage ramp generator according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the current (Ig2) generated by the current generator is written:

$$Ig2 = K2 \times \frac{Vg2}{Rg2}$$

where Vg2 is a reference voltage,

proportional to the quantity $k\frac{T}{q}$, where k is the Boltzmann constant, T is absolute temperature and q is the charge of an electron.

6. A generator of a current ramp $\left(\frac{\Delta Is}{\Delta t}\right)$ comprising a generator of a voltage ramp $\left(\frac{\Delta Vc}{\Delta t}\right)$ and a circuit that permits the conversion of the voltage ramp into a current ramp, characterized in that the voltage ramp generator is a voltage ramp generator according to any one of Claims 1 to 5.

7. A generator of a current ramp $\left(\frac{\Delta Is}{\Delta t}\right)$ according to Claim 6, characterized in that the circuit that permits the conversion of the voltage ramp into a current ramp includes a resistance (Rs) that

allows the conversion of the voltage ramp $\left(\frac{\Delta Vc}{\Delta t}\right)$ into a current ramp $\left(\frac{\Delta Is}{\Delta t}\right)$.

8. A current ramp generator according to Claim 7, characterized in that the resistance (Rs) that allows the conversion of the voltage ramp $\left(\frac{\Delta Is}{\Delta t}\right)$ into a current ramp is an implanted resistance having a positive temperature coefficient.

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